

Fall show offers bounty of fresh remodeling ideas

Homeowners looking for fresh home and garden ideas can find them at the the Fall Remodeling Show opening Sept. 28 at the Novi Expo Center.

"The amount of money spent on remodeling continues to climb and it is no wonder with the average American home at 28 years of age," said Janet L. Compo, president of the nonprofit Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and chief executive officer of James Compo Inc. of Farmington Hills.

"A large number of baby boomers live in homes built in the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s. Because they can afford to remodel their homes with modern features and conveniences, the remodeling market is poised for steady growth."

BIASM is the event sponsor.

The Novi Expo Center is located at 1-96 and Novi Road. Show hours are 2-10 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors, \$3 for children ages 6-12, and children under 6 are admitted free. Family tickets for two adults and accompanying children are available at Farmer Jack for \$9. Parking is located at the Expo Center for a fee. For more information, call (810) 737-4478.

Special highlights include secrets of

wallpapering, painting and faux finishes as seen on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" and the Learning Channel's "Homebodies" by wall wizard Brian Santos. He is a fourth-generation decorative artist who earned his wizardry title because of his knack for simplifying the art of decorating walls with his tips, tricks and techniques so that average do-it-yourselfers can create their own magic.

Members of the American Society of Interior Designers will conduct clinics on controlling your environment, assessing your needs and customizing interiors for the home and workplace, the world of color, kitchens and baths, finishing materials and a focus on finishing. ASID designers will also be available to discuss individual homeowner needs for new construction, material selections, color choices, floor plans and window treatments.

More than 100 of the Detroit area's FTD florists will display arrangements for a design competition. The themes are "I'll Be Home for Christmas" arrangements, "All Things Haunting" arrangements and "Welcome Home" fall or holiday-themed door awnings and wreaths.

The Treasure Chest contest will award prizes from Farmer Jack, local FTD florists and ASID.

The Showcase of Distinctive Homes program will feature pictorial renderings of the area's newest showcase homes built by BIASM members.

Expert demonstrations on decorating, home repair and remodeling will be given throughout the show. Working artists in the arts and crafts area will be making lamp shades, constructing bent willow furniture, weaving rugs and painting pyssanky.

Members of the Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association will bring professionally landscaped gardens to life with brick paver pathways, water features and colorful plants and flowers.

Windows and doors, always a popular show feature, will be shown by Caswell Modernization Company Inc. of White Lake and Pella Window and Door Company of West Bloomfield. Empire Doors and Windows of Redford will display another option with its steel entry doors.

Pozzi Windows in Walled Lake brings its custom-made windows, doors and skylights. To dress up your windows on the world, Melody's of Farmington Hills, the Shutter Shop of Birmingham and Window Works of Bloomfield Hills will be on hand with their window treatments.

Glass offers yet another alternative and Henderson Glass Inc. in southeast-

ern Michigan will feature shower doors, mirrored walls and table tops. Robichauds Custom Glass Blocks of Ecorse showcases glass blocks for windows, walls, bars and showers.

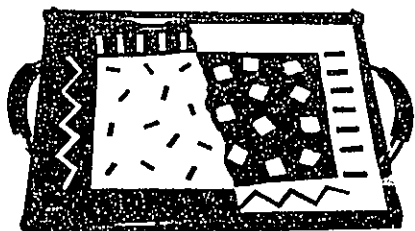
The latest in solid cedar sunrooms and new home packages will be shown by Lindal Cedar Homes of Highland. Riverbend Timber Framing of Blissfield will share its custom energy efficiency timber frame homes and structural insulated panels while Piersor & Gibbs Homes of Richmond features finish-it-yourself home packages for the handy persons in the crowd.

The products and services at the show get down to the bottom of things with hardwood flooring found at the exhibit by Paynter Floors Inc. of Novi and solid vinyl wood flooring at Commercial Carpet Corporation of Novi's exhibit.

Other exhibitors will bring their most interesting and up-to-date products and services for kitchens, baths, doors, windows, yards/gardens, remodeling, interior design, furniture, arts and crafts, decorative accessories, pet accessories, electronics, heating, cooling and appliances.

BIASM also sponsors the International Builders Home, Flower and Furniture Show at Cobo Conference-Exhibition Center and the Spring Home & Garden Show at the Novi Expo Center.

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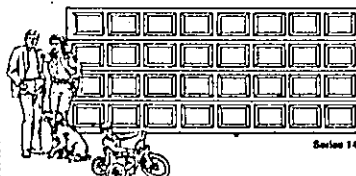
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